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FOR: CURRENT DRIVEN SERIAL BUS SYSTEM HAVING AN ENERGY  
SAVING MODE

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**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF  
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

Applicants offer the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability (dated September 13, 2004).

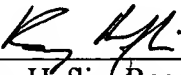
The Statement indicates that claim 1 is allowed "after incorporating the above allowable features." This indication is misleading to the extent that it suggests that claim 1 was amended during prosecution. Claim 1 was not amended during prosecution. Allowed claim 1 is in its originally presented form.

Applicants agree that independent claim 1 is patentable over the prior art. Applicants submit these comments to ensure that the claims are not unduly limited, in any way, by the Examiner's Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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